



# L FUNDS

Lifecycle Funds

## Fund Information

### Inception

August 1, 2005

### Administrative Expense Ratio

Based on administrative expenses of the G, F, C, S, and I Funds in proportion to their allocations in the L Funds.

In 2004, expenses were approximately \$0.60 per \$1,000 account balance.

### Investment Objective

Fund	Growth	Preservation of Assets
L 2040	High	Very Low
L 2030	High	Low
L 2020	Moderate/High	Low
L 2010	Moderate	Moderate
L Income	Low	High

### Time Horizons

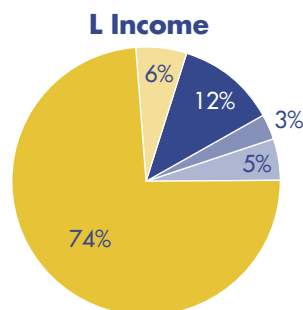
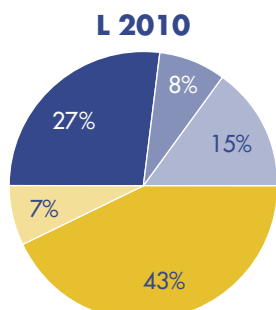
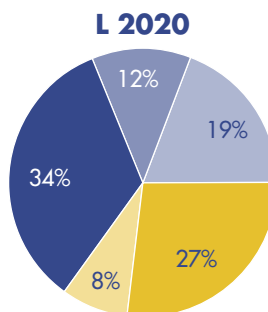
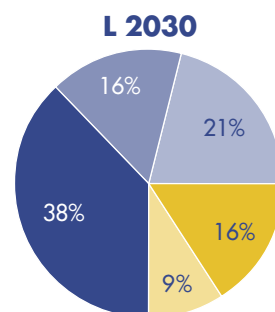
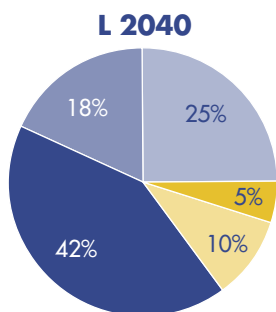
(when you expect to need the money)

Choose:	If your time horizon is:
L 2040	2035 or later
L 2030	2025 through 2034
L 2020	2015 through 2024
L 2010	2008 through 2014
L Income	Sooner than 2008

## Key Features

- The L Funds diversify participant accounts among the G, F, C, S, and I Funds, using professionally determined investment mixes (allocations) that are tailored to different time horizons. The L Funds are re-balanced to their target allocations each business day. The investment mix of each fund adjusts quarterly to more conservative investments as the fund's time horizon shortens.
- The objective of the L Funds is to provide the highest possible rate of return for the amount of risk taken.
- Investing in the L Funds is not a guarantee against loss and does not eliminate risk. The L Funds are subject to the risks inherent in the underlying funds, and can have periods of gain and loss.
- The L Funds' expected returns will be approximately equal to the weighted average of the G, F, C, S, and I Funds' returns. Earnings will be calculated daily and there will be a daily share price for each L Fund.

## Initial Asset Allocations



G Fund F Fund C Fund S Fund I Fund

# L FUND FACTS

The L Funds are intended to meet the investment needs of TSP participants with time horizons that fall into five different date ranges, as shown on the front. The five L Funds were designed for the TSP by Mercer Investment Consulting, Inc. The asset allocations are based on Mercer's economic assumptions regarding future investment returns, inflation, economic growth, and interest rates. Mercer will review these assumptions at least annually and determine whether changes to the allocations are warranted.

L 2040, L 2030, L 2020, and L 2010 are for participants with time horizons that fall within the defined date ranges. The asset allocations of these funds are adjusted quarterly, moving to a more conservative mix, gradually approaching those of the L Income Fund. Between quarterly adjustments, the asset allocations of each fund are maintained through daily rebalancing to that fund's target allocation. When a fund reaches its horizon, it will roll into the L Income Fund, and a new fund will be added with a more distant horizon. For example, in 2010 when the L 2010 Fund rolls into the L Income Fund, a new L 2050 Fund will be created.

The L Income Fund is designed to produce current income for participants who are already receiving money from their accounts through monthly payments, and for participants who plan to withdraw or begin withdrawing their account before 2008. The asset allocation of the L Income Fund does not change over time; it is maintained through daily rebalancing.

The pie charts on the front show the initial allocations of the L Income, L 2010, L 2020, L 2030, and L 2040 Funds in each of the five underlying TSP funds. The allocation in the G Fund, which has the least amount of risk, is largest in the L Income Fund, and becomes successively smaller with the more distant target dates. In contrast, the allocations in the F, C, S, and I Funds, which carry varying amounts of risk, but also the potential for higher returns, are largest in L 2040 and smallest in the L Income Fund.

The graph below depicts the expected return and risk associated with each of the five L Funds at inception. The expected returns are derived from Mercer's economic assumptions and are not guaranteed. Expected variability of the investment returns is a measure of risk in investing. For each risk level, there is one "optimal" asset allocation that provides the highest expected return. The collection of optimal asset allocations make up the "Efficient Frontier," which is shown by the curve. Asset allocations that are below the Efficient Frontier are less than optimal, because there is an asset allocation along the frontier that provides a higher return for the same level of risk, or lower risk for the actual returns received.

The five TSP L Funds have initial asset allocations that correspond to points shown on the Efficient Frontier. Putting your entire TSP account into one of the L Funds allows you to achieve the best expected return for the amount of expected risk.

Over time, the L Funds (except for the Income Fund) will "roll down" the efficient frontier. That means that, as their allocations are adjusted each quarter, the funds shift left on the line, becoming less risky, until they eventually merge into the L Income Fund.

The administrative expenses associated with the L Funds are those of the underlying G, F, C, S, and I Funds, calculated in proportion to their allocations in each L Fund. The L Funds do not have any additional charges. There are no restrictions on investing in the L Funds. You may invest any part of your TSP account in any L Fund,

and even invest in more than one L Fund. But it is recommended that you put your entire TSP account into just one L Fund—the one with the target date that is closest to your time horizon. Any other strategy may result in an asset allocation that is less than optimal (i.e., not on the Efficient Frontier), or which is not suited to your investment time horizon.

Remember, however, that risk and expected return are based on assumptions about future economic conditions and investment performance. There is no guaranteed rate of return for any period, either short-term or long-term.

## L Funds and the Efficient Frontier (At Inception)

